

VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in." ~ Marjorie Moore

October 31, 2012

Repair Tornado-Damaged Homes in Holton, IN - Dec. 1

Join volunteers taking a one-day trip to rebuild homes in Holton, Indiana on Sat., Dec. 1 with IGO Disaster Ministries. Holton is a small town recovering from a direct hit from the March tornado; over half of their homes were damaged! Anyone age 18 or older is welcome, whether skilled or not, but those with tools or specialized skills (electrical, plumbing, roofing, trim carpentry, etc.) are particularly needed. Carpooling available. Please contact Susan Scales at (812) 219-5738. (www.igorelief.org)

Youth Drill Team Instructor

Through the Cry of the Children Drill Team program, volunteer instructors lead young people, instilling discipline, attention to detail, precision, and boldness. Children learn to carry themselves with a little more presence; they learn what it is like to have eyes on them at all times; and they gain a sense of pride from performing formally. If you love working with young people, whether you are a community person or an IU student, you are welcome to volunteer. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Dellsie Boddie at (812) 361-4059 or cryofthechildren@gmail.com. (www.cryofthechildren.com)

Special Olympics Fundraising—Nov. 3-Mar. 5

Experience the excitement of the IU men's basketball season by assisting with the concession stands at Assembly Hall managed by Monroe County Special Olympics. Volunteers who are energetic and reliable, and who have five hours of availability on game day, will prepare the stand and then serve customers. Volunteer for one game or as many as desired! This is a wonderful opportunity to help the Monroe County Special Olympics program, which is volunteer-driven and funded by donations, grants, sponsorships and fundraisers. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Denise Brown at (812) 325-1548 or soimc.cc@gmail.com. (www.soimc.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Bloomington Parks and Recreation

Provides comprehensive programs that encompass educational, cultural, recreational, intergenerational, health, fitness, volunteer, and leadership opportunities. Facilities inclue: Allison-Jukebox Community Center, Banneker Community Center, Twin Lakes Recreation Center and the community gardens. To grant a wish, contact Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomington.in.gov/parks)

Wishes: hand saws, excess building wood, cd/radio player, new or gently used shipping pallets, gas-powered chipper, corn knife, straw bales, clean five gallon buckets

Use the <u>Community Wish List</u> to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

Sidewalk Exchange/Reuse

The Monroe County Solid Waste Recycle and Reuse Center, located at 3400 S. Walnut St., manages a sidewalk exchange program where the public can 'put and take' reusable items for free. Volunteers keep a friendly, observant eye on the area, for as little or as much time as they are able to schedule, making sure that items are clean, usable, and that certain rules are maintained. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Mary Hunter at (812) 349-2022 or mhunter@mcswmd.org. (www.mcswmd.org)

Administrative Assistant

My Sister's Closet of Monroe County is seeking a volunteer with administrative skills to assist the Executive Director and the Board of Directors. Keyboarding and organizational skills are preferred; the ideal volunteer will be able to attend board meetings the second and fourth Tuesday of each month to take meeting minutes. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Laura Robinson at (812) 327-3581 or robinsli@indiana.edu. (www.sisterscloset.org)



